FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Comprehensive national programme for the prevention and control of AIDS is currently under implementation throughout the country including Gujarat. The strategies consist of generation of awreners among risk-behaviour groups and other people, control of STD, blood-safety and rational use of blood and better facilities for surveillance, diagnosis and management of HIV/ AIDS cases.

(d) Of the 4 AIDS cases 3 male and one female reported from Gujarat so far, one each belonged to the Districts of Bharuch, Junagarh, Rajkot and Mehsana. All these four persons have since expired

(e) and (f) Do not arise in view of the reply in part (c).

Maharashtra into the Grip of Cholera

2781. SHRI H. HANUMAN-THAPPA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Maharashtra come into the grip of cholera recently;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government propose to take to prevent recurrence of such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The following measures are undertaken by the State Government to prevent any possible outbreak of Cholera:—

1. Surveillance and monitoring;
2. Supply of safe drinking water;
3. Strengthening of Health Education measures;
4. Supply of essential medicines and disinfectants.

Dialogues with WHO to Finance Tobacco Growers

2782. SHRI MENTAY PADMA-NABHAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government. have initiated any dialogue with the World Health Organisation to finance and off-set potential losses that will affect farmers by the implementation of restructure and tobacco prohibited laws; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Indemnity Scheme of Indian Medical Association

2783. SHRI V. NARAYANA SAMY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it . has come to the notice of Government that the Indian Medical Association has recently worked out a professional indemnity scheme to help doctors in case they are sued for negligence;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto';

(c) what is the total membership of the Indian Medical Association; and

(d) how much amount does it intend to take from each member for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ^.